THE GOVERNOR DID.

If He Takes to Raiding Gambling Rooms Who Shall Say Him Nav?-His Powers, Sometimes Forgotten in These Days, Are Believed to Be Ample When Police Don's Act.

Sheriff Grell is concerned in the programme of the Committee of Fifteen for cleaning up the city. No secret has been made of the fact the committee was going first all to put the responsibility for neglect of duty on the part of public officials on Van Wyck, and make a formal demand of him that he compel t e officials who are negligent either to see that the law is enforced or to get out. If Mayor Van Wyck does not act promptly, and the conditions that are complained of trevail after formal complaint has been made to him, the Committee of Fifteen will go straight to Sheriff Grell and demand that he as a peace officer and a constitutional officer, with unquestioned power under the common law, call to his aid the forces that the law gives him the right to call on, in cases of emergency, and close up the gambling houses, poolrooms and disorderly resorts.

This will be a radical departure from the lines along which other reform committees have worked. No communications have as yet passed between the committee and Sheriff Even the Sheriff had no idea yesterday that he might be called upon to descend on the fashionable gambling houses of the Tenderloin and the poolrooms uptown and downtown, and clean them out, and the news was not pleasant for him to hear. The Sheriff, like his predecessors in office, has left the policing of the city strictly to the The idea of conducting a series of raids for the elevation of the moral tone of the county has never occurred to him. and the idea that the Sheriff would interfere in the duties they have believed to be exclusively their own has certainly not occurred to the police. But whether it has occurred to them or not, the fact remains that the Sheriff has the power to see that the laws are enforced. He can call on the police to help him, he can call on any male citizen. If the police force won't help him, he can arrest the police force. If a citizen declines to get in the game at the Sheriff's order, the citizen can be locked up and punished for misdemeanor.

The Committee of Fifteen have been looking into this matter thoroughly and are convinced that the man for them is the Sheriff It makes no difference to them that the present incumbent of the Sheriff's office is a member of the political organization which domiher of the political organization which dominates the Politice Department, and which has been accused of being responsible for the conditions all over the city that are now complained of by respectable people. He is the Sheriff and the committee figures that he has no alternative but to act as chief peace officer when called upon.

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officer when called upon.

The idea occurred to several members of the committee before the present committee was created. It was when Gov. Roosevelt sent his messages to Mayor Van Wyck, District Attorney Gardiner and Sheriff Grell, warming them to do their full duty on election day, despite the incendiary order sent out to the Police Department by Chief Devery. The Governor's message to the Sheriff was particularly emphatic. It told Mr. Grell that it was his duty to see that the law was enforced and that the election proceed in an orderly way, and it stated that the Sheriff would be held responsible for any breach of the public peace within his county and for any fallure on his part to do his full duty at the election. It will be recalled that Sheriff Grell hustled around all night on the night that he got the Governor's message, and that he was considerably agritated over the responsibility attaching to his official position. Of all the Officials who got similar the responsibility attaching to his official position. Of all the officials who got similar

The Committee of Fifteen have considered he Sheriff's promptness and conscientious-bess in this matter and the members have pade up their minds that he is the yery man the Sheriff's prompthess and conscientiousness in this matter and the members have
made up their minds that he is the very man
that will close up the evil resorts of the town,
if the police continue to refuse to do it. And
so they have made up their minds to call upon
him. From time to time in the past few
days Chairman Baldwin, in speaking of the
programme of the Committee of Fisteen has
said that unless certain officials did their
duty when called upon charges would be made
against them to the Governor and an attempt
made to have them removed from office. Ho
admitted that before any such steps were
taken by the committee, though, formal
demand would be made on such officials that
they do their duty. One of the officials that
Mr. Baldwin had in mind was Sheriff Grell
although he never mentioned his name.
Sheriff Grell has been a particularly conscientious official, and after the evolutement
over the election matter had subsided he had
one of his counsel, Charles F. Wells, look up
the law in regard to the powers and duties of
the Sheriff. Mr. Wells made an exhaustive
study of the matter and compiled a brier
from which The Son printed extracts on
Dec. 9. Mr. Wells said:

"The terms of the Charter are so broad in
scope and emphatic in their demands as to
the duties and especially duties of the police
that the intention is unmistakable to make
the Police Department and force primarily
liable for the detection and arrests of criminals
and the enforcement of all has against crime
within the city's limits. This has been, both
under this and the preceding Charter of the
city, regarded by the Sheriffs of this county
and their advisers as the law governing the
territory covered by the city, and when the
etity and county were coextensive the Sheriff
of the county ceased to engage in the detection of crime and apprehension of criminals,
and also ceased the execution of criminals,
and also ceased the execution of criminals,

process except in certain instances, and in cases where the Sheriff has been specially warrants or other process as he receives.

In making this brief Mr. Wells had in mind the Sheriff's duties as a police officer in cases of election troubies or street riots. He has not gone into the subject of the Sheriff's rights as a police officer to raid gambling houses and other illegal resorts, when called upon to do so, but the right of the Sheriff to do this is not doubted by anybody. Philip Britt, the Sheriff's counsel, was told yesterday that the Committee of Fifteen was contemplating calling on Sheriff Greil to enforce the law against disorderly places in case the police refused to do so. Mr. Britt was surprised, but said that under the law there was authority for the Sheriff to close illegal resorts if called upon, but that while the Charter of the city after consolidation did not repeal the old law in so many words, it was generally restarded as superseding it in so far as the policing of the city is concerned.

"The Charter is so definite on this point," said Mr. Britt, "that few will be found who will question the sole right of the police to do police work in the city. It is certainly no nerlect of duty for the Sheriff not to look up evidence against disorderly places. That is a police function. It is not the daty of the Sheriff to take the instative in matters of that kind. All I can say at the present time is that from my knowledge of Sheriff Greil I have no hesitation in stating that if any citizen or bedy of citizens comes to him with a complaint of conditions that he has a legal right to remedy, he will act with the greatest promptness.

If Sheriff Greil set out to raid gembling.

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SHERIFF AS HEAD PURIFIER. | would be safe against the Sheriff and his raiders. If the Committee of Fifteen asks and it is their to close up disorderly houses, and it is their plan to do just that, and he agrees that it is his duty to close them, a merry time may be looked forward to.

DEVERY STICKS LIKE A BURR. Expects to Be in the Police Department as

Long. at Least, as York Is. Chief Devery sat behind his deak at Police Readquarters vesterday, smoked fat black cigars, transacted a little police business and grinned when anybody asked him when he was going to retire. He came downtown a little after t o'clock, his usual time, and he

didn't go away again until after 6 o'clock, also his usual time. Anybody who wanted to see him in the afternoon had to go through the usual formula. In fact, despite rumors around the building, the Chief appeared to be undisturbed and didn't let anything interfere with the routine of his office and the duties of his staff.

Devery has had every concelvable argu-

ment brought to bear upon him with the view to having a quiet, unostentatious retirement, but he stubbornly refuses to quit. He says he isn't through being a policeman by a long shot, and that as long as he can hang on he is going to. Meantime the board can't act because Commissioner Sexton, in the hope that Devery will soon see the hopelessness of his position, is not willing to send a majority vote of the board, retiring the Chief, down to the Mayor for his approval. And until Commissioner Sexton is willing to bring the matter before the board and have a vote on it, nothing can be done, for Commissioner Abell continues to stick to the Chief and will probably

stick to him to the last. When asked what he had to say yesterday the Chief gave the usual reply: "Nothing." The fact that Governor-elect Odell has come out for a single-headed Police Commission was brought to the Chief's attention, but he would not discuss it. He grinned at the idea, though, and something seemed to please him It is said that the Chief has made up his mind to stick to his job just as long as President York sticks to his, and that he hopes to see York deposed from the head of the board by the passage of such a bill as the one Mr. Odel has declared himself in favor of. To beat York, the story is, Devery is willing to give up his pension if need be.

CRIMMINS CLUB IN THE SECOND. Ex-Alderman Nicholas Brown Said to Have

Been Asked to Start It. The friends of ex-Alderman Nicholas ple in the Second Assembly district, said yes- portion of the \$89,000,000 which will be disterday that Mr. Brown had been approached by adherents of the Hon. John D. Crimmins with a proposition that Mr. Brown should organize a club to support the nomination of | It is also said that John D. Rockefeller alone Mr. Crimmins for Mayor next fall. Mr. Brown's friends said that he was to get the | This statement, however, is simply based on a discontented Tammany men into line, while | Wall Street guess and must be taken for what some one else got the independent voters in ine, and that between them they should work up a sentiment against Tammany and in favor of Mr. Crimmins. The persons who approached Mr. Brown asserted that ex-Lieut.-Gov. William F. Sheehan, ex-Comptroller Ashbel P Fitch and other prominent Democrats were in favor of an anti-Croker organization, and that there would be no difficulty in procuring the money to establish one or the workers to make it effective. Mr. Brown pointed out yesterday that the

Republicans polled 2,800 votes in the Second Assembly district last November as against 1,700 theretofore

"The fight between Divver and Foley," said Mr. Brown, "although it is within the organ: | 000,000. The Japuary disbursements for zation, is not calculated to strengthen Tam- 1899 were \$88,661,509; for 1808, \$79,201,025; certificate to Mr. Vandervoort's son, Clarwarnings from the Governor, no one was apparently as anxious as the Sheriff to give evidence of his entire willingness to do his many. The losing side will not help the for 1897, \$78,281,290, and for 1895, \$71,158,290. vinners. There is bound to be ill feeling and had blood. I may accept the leadership of a new organization in the district."

WANTS POLICE TO GET OUT. President Clausen to Make It Warm for Them

President Clausen of the Park Department, who is one of the Tammany purifiers, is said to have decided to follow up the attack made on the police by Lewis Nixon, chairman of the Purity Committee. Mr. Clausen, it is said, has made a demand that the members of the police force who have quarters in Central Park vacate them. These quarters in Central Park vacate them. These quarters are a commodicus building known as the "sheenfold," at Sixty-sixth street and Eighth avenue. The Park Board set aside the building for police purposes in 1857 and it has been used by Sergt Lagan as a training school for horses. The mounted men of the Central Park police have also had their head-quarters there. Mr. Clausen wants the police to get out of the Park and hire another place for their headquarters. This does not apply to the station at the arsenal, which is an ordinary police station.

There has been friction between the Park and the Police denartments—ince the Park and the Police denartments—ince the Park police were consolidated with the city force in 1808.

TALL TALE OF A MURDER PLOT. Scheme by Which Twenty Italians Are to Killed at Once in Barre, Vt.

BARRE, Vt., Dec. 29 .- Evidence was furnished to the police to-day of a plot for the murder of Italian Socialists. The man who cases where the Sherili has been specially commanded to execute such process as a peace officer. The Sherili of every courty is the chief conservator of the peace and the immediate officer of every court of record in the State. (Crocker on Sheriffs.) Aside from such emergencies it will be hard to find a case where the Sheriff of New York county should do police work in the attempt to detect or investigate crime. His duties where he sees crime or attempted crime are defined in those prescribed for peace officers. If he does not see it he need not search for it—in New York county—and need have a care only to execute promptly and faithfully such warrants or other process as he receives."

In making this brief Mr. Wells had in mind the Sheriff's duties as a police officer in cases

the true motive for the shooting of the Chief of Police.

According to the informant of the police, about fitteen Anarchists were concerned in the plot. He says the story can be substantiated by many who attended the dance. Ever since the granite cutters' strike last spring there has been ill feeling between limian factions of this city. Guarrets have been frequent, and the disturbances, in which the aid of the police has been called, have not been few. In this way the strife has grown, until, it is asserted, the party known as the Anarchists decided to bring about a contest which should result in death to many of the other party.

One man was selected to enter the dance hall, start a quarrel, then two men were stationed at the doors to shoot down the twenty Italians selected as the first to die. The quarrel was started on time, but the arrival of the police nipped the plot in its bud. rival of the police nipped the plot in its bud.

MILES MAY ANSWER ALGER.

The General Says He Is in No Hurry to Reply,

PICKNOND Va., Dec. 29.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles spent a short time in Goldsboro, N. C., to-day on the way to Washington. Regarding promptness."

If Sheriff Grell set out to raid gambling houses it would result in a condition of things such as never existed in this city before. As poolrooms and gambling houses are run in this city to-day the veriest greenhorn can get in. There are very few, where men who want to gamble need introduction to gain an entrance. None of these places

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COUNTRY ON JAN. 9.

Ten Millions Above the "Fabulous" Figures of Last Year-The Most Prosperous Country in the World Never So Prosperous Before -Half Goes to Savings Banks Depositors.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1901, will be a memorable day in the history of the United States for on that day more persons within the confines of the American Union will receive more money than ever before was distributed on any one day in the history of this country or of any country. It will be the day for the payment of interest and dividends by and the generally upset condition of things the great industrial and financial corporations of the country, and these payments will be the largest ever made. There are more corporations than there were a year ago, there are more stockholders and bondholders, and there are, therefore, more persons to whom payments will be made. As the United States is the most prosperous, financially and commercially, of any country in the world, and as the year 1900 has been the most prosperous in the country's history, it follows that the dividends will be larger this year than ever before. And since there are more industrial and financial corporat one in the United States than in any other country, it follows that the sum to be distributed on next Wednesday will be larger than that ever before put in circulation in any country on a single day.

It is estimated that the amount of money that will be disbursed on that day, in all of the financial centres of the country, will be not far from \$175,000,000. If this amount were distributed per capita, every citizen of all the States and Territories, including Hawaii, would receive a fraction less than \$2.30. It is estimated that this large sum of money will find its way into the pockets of only about 12,000,000 persons. If it were distributed equally between those who will share in it. each stock and bendholder and savings bank depositor would receive about \$14 50.

As a matter of fact, however, if the 6,000,000 of savings banks depositors be taken out whose aggregate wealth is given at \$2,449,-547,885, and who e share of this \$175,000,000 will not be far from \$86,000,000, the rest, or about \$89,000,000, will be distributed among a comparatively few of our people. There are 4,047 men and women in this country who are estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 or more and a large part of the remaining \$59,000,000 will be divided up among these Brown, who used to lead the Tammany peo- | millionaires. It has been said that, if the tributed among these possessors of large wealth, were divided among them equally, each one would receive something like \$5,000. will get about \$1,000,000 for his New Year's it's worth.

By far the largest part of the \$175,000,000 will be paid out, of course, in this city. Those who should know say that not far from \$140,000,000 will be disbursed in New York. This will be about \$10,000,000 more than was paid out on Jan 2, 1900. The disbursements of that day were regarded as almost fabulous and, up to that time, were the largest ever known. The payments on and the payments on account of dividends amounted to \$34,747,998. There were other interest and dividend payments which had to be estimated, making the estimated total disbursements for Jan. 2, 1900, about \$130,disbursements there will amount to \$20. 671,648, an increase of \$555,440, as compared with January, 1909. Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and San Francisco are the other cities where the majority of the rest of the payments will be made, and, while no figures are yet obtainable, reports from each one of these places state that there

will be a large increase over the disbursements of a year ago. In New York, it was said yesterday, the largest amount of money will be paid out by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and the next largest amount by J. P. Morgan & Co. Large sums will be paid out also by the Central Trust Company, the Mercantile Trust Company, the First National Bank, the Continental National Bank and the Chase Bank. Some very pleasing New Year's souvenirs will be handed out, also, at the offices of the New York Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads in the Grand Central Station, at the offices of the Great Northern road at 27 Pine street and at the offices of the Louisville and Nashville in the Equitable Building.

Among the industrial companies which will make disbursements are: The American Steel and Wire, on both common and preferred stock; the American Sugar Refining Company, the American Snuff Company, on the preferred stock; the Commercial Cable Company, the Continental Tobacco Company, on the preferred stock; the Empire Steel and Iron Company, on the preferred; the General Chemical Company, on the preferred; Knickerbocker Ice, preferred; Manhattan Elevated Railroad, National Sugar, preferred; National Tube, preferred; P. Lorillard Company, preferred.

The banks and trust companies have been

getting in money for several weeks to meet the demands that will be made upon them. The arrangements have been made in such a way, however, that the money market has not been seriously disturbed. Friday was one of the days on which a heavy call in the condition of the money market to indicate that money was scarce. Calls are also expected to-morrow but unless they be unusually heavy no trouble is anticipated. From the figures given above it will be increase in the amount of the January disbursements. It was in that year that William concern, the United States of America. His management of affairs speaks for itself. and the 76,000,000 stockholders in the concern may well wish their President a Happy New

INJURED MORTALLY AT AN ASYLUM Death of Frank Hodges at Norristown, Pa. Follows a Beating.

year.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 .- An examination of the body of Frank Hodges, whose death at the State Asylum for Insane at Norristown was reported yesterday, shows that he was brutally beaten by attendants and that death, instead of being due to injuries self-inflicted, was due to the rough handling he received The autopsy showed that four of his ribs in the left side had been broken. Houges was sent to the asylum from Philadelphia last December. He had homloidal mania. At dinner yesterday he threw food about the room. He was cautioned by an attendant, whom he afterward attacked and was getting the better of him when another attendant went to the rescue, and together they subdued Hodges.

Prince Albert No. 2.

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul-Oysters and Evans' Ale .- Ade

TO SEARCH FOR THE SOUTH POLE. Duke of the Abruzzi Who Reache! Highest Northern Point Will Now Go South.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 29 -The Duke of the Abruzzi in Rome for the purpose of obtaining the ormal consent of the King to his new enterprise, which is not as reported another North Pole expedition, but a well devised scheme for the exploration of the South Polar seas. King Victor Emmanuel admires and sympathi es with his cousin's exploring arder and the royal consent and financial assistance is assured.

The Duke proposes to start from Bueno Ayres in 1902 in a ship which will be specially built in Italy from his own plans and specifications. The Duke has already selected a his companions Vittorio Sella, the geographer, and several young officers of the Italian Royal Navy.

"CASINO GIRL" BOXED HIS PARS. Punished Rude Municipal Guard in Paris and

Escaped Penalty Under Amnesty Bill. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON. Dec. 29.-It seems strange the vaudeville artist should benefit by the rench Amnesty bill, which was designed to lacate such a serious affair as that of ex-Capt. Dreyfus, yet such is the case. A woman member of the "Casino Girl" company at the Shaftesbury Theatre, while visiting Paris, went to the Nouve tu Cirque with friend. A municipal guard treated her rudely, whereupon she boxed his ears. She was taken before the Tenth Correctional Cour and certainly would have been heavily fined but her counsel, Mattre Lambert, ingeniously invoked a section of the new Amnesty law forbidding legal action "for outrage against the uniform of the army." As up to Dec. 16

WRECKS ON FRENCH COAST.

diers, the actress went scot free.

the municipal guards were technically sol

Loss of Life Reported to French Minister of Marine - Paris Almost Isolated.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Pants, Dec. 29 .- M. Lanessan, the Minister of Marine, has received numerous telegrams in regard to shipping disasters caused by violent storm along the French coast. At others sank. Five sailors are reported to be hanging from the rigging of a ship which is in distress. It is feared that numerous victims of the storm will be found at low tide

Despatches to M. Lanessan from Cherbourg say three vessels grounded and capsized there and several other boats foundered eastward of the harbor.

Information from other sources is to the effect that the storm was one of the worst ever known. Communication is interrupted everywhere and Paris is almost isolated.

ONE VANDERVOCRT DEAD, ONE DYING. John Was Going Home From William's Sick Red When He Was Stricken.

The well-dressed old man who died in the flat of of Mrs. Alice Darnell at 217 West Fortieth street on Friday night was identifled at the Morgue yesterday as John D Vandervoort, who with his wife and two sens lived with Mrs. Catherine Bergen at 130 Mercer street, Jersey city. A Jersey City drugaccount of interest amounted to \$06,006,088, gist's prescription led the police to

> to the Morgue from Jersey City and took the body away Mr. Vandervoort, who for thirty-five years had been a buyer for the wholesale dry goods firm of James H. Dunham & Co., at 340 Broadway, came to this city on Thursday night to visit his brother. The latter is William L. Vandervoort of 123 West Fiftyeighth street, of the firm of Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney, wholesale dry goods merchants, in St. Louis, and is the firm's representative in this city, with offices at 443 Broome street. He has been ill for some time and at present is in a critical condition. John Vandervoort left his brother's house shortly after 8 o'clock on Friday night to go home. It was after 9 o'clock, Mrs. Darnell

says, when he rang her bell, told her he was

ill and asked leave to sit down and rest. She

summoned a doctor, but Mr. Vandervoort died before the doctor came Mrs. Vandervoort said yesterday that about 10 o'clock on Friday night a telegram was received from Mr. W. L. Vandervoort's house saying that he was very much worse and requesting that his brother come back again. As her husband did not return that night she thought that he had got word, somehow, that his brother wanted him and had returned

to the Fifty-eighth street house. Mr. Vandervoort was 77 years old. He was born in Baltimore and was one of the first clerks employed by A. T. Stewart. His son, Clarence, said last night:

"My father had been extremely worried about his brother's sickness. He feared that his brether was going to die. In that event he thought that it would be expected of him to take his brother's place and become a member of the St. Louis dry goods firm. This he did not want to do. He preferred to remain at the post he had filled for so many years. Of course he was an old man and he was also subject to heart trouble.

"I am afraid that my uncle will not live much longer than my father. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon we received the following telegram addressed to my father from the doctor who is attending my uncle: 'Will not live until morning. He has not been told yet of my father's death." Mr. Vandervoort leaves four sons and three

ANOTHER HOTEL ON PIFTH AVENUE. tion With John Jacob Astor.

Rudolph M. Haan of Haan's restaurant, has leased from Col. John Jacob Astor the

five lots on the southeast corner of Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, 150 feet on the avenue by 76 feet on the street, together with a sixteen-story basement and sub-basement fireproof apartment hotel which will be erected there. The lease is for twenty years, with the option of three renewals. In addition to all the modern conveniences, it is proposed to introduce a system of electric service elevators, or movable pantries, fitted with ejectric heating tables. These will be run through every apartment, thereby insuring rapid service and hot food to guests taking their meals in their rooms. The entrance to the apartments will be distinct from the public restaurant entrance, and each department will have its own service. The building will be ready for eccurancy on or before Sept. 1, 1902. for occupancy on or before Sept. 1, 1902.

Nearly \$6,000,000 Prevailing Wages Claims. Thirty-three more employees in various city departments have filed claims under the Prevailing Rate of Wages law. The claims aggregate \$23,588.69, and the total of claims under the law is nearly \$6,000,000.

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OUR GRASP ON COMMERCE:

ENGLAND DISCUSSING THE SECRET OF AMERICAN SUCCESS.

End of the Century Investigation of the Changes in the Balance of Power -- Intelligence and Zeal of American Men of Business - Root of British Business Evil.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- Nations as well as indiiduals seem to be devoting themselves to a more serious introspection at the present moment than ever before. It is a peculiar dstorical coincidence that the end of the century is marked by a turning point in international relationships, or rather an impending change of leadership, in the great race of human progress. It is more in the domain of accomplished fact than of prophecy to say that the balance of power in the sense of prosperity and industrial accomplishments is trembling between the Old World and the New. Every serious public print in England and Europe has been discussing this subject in the past few days in terms so solemn that they are almost sad. It is only the flippant commentators in England, at all events, who see no warning in the recent trend of affairs and who welcome the twentieth century with gay confidence. The vast, measureless potentiality of America in shaping the future destinies of humanity has come as a sudden reve lation to Europe. Human nature is still so poor a thing that this realization has awakened envy and alarm as well as a salutary spirit of emulation.

I should be glad to transmit some extracts from the published comments on the situation in order to further inspire the American people to carry on their glorious mission in full confidence; but I am pre-vented by a typical instance of Old World lack of energy. Thursday's gale prostrated nearly all the wires from London to the coast, and the British telegraph department has not as yet restored all the lines which connect the metropolis with the American cable stations. The cable companies, therefore, notify me that despatches must be as brief as possible. I cannot refrain, however, from calling attention to one or two points Dunkirk nine smacks went ashore and three made by English seekers after the secret

of American success.

Thus the Times, in a powerful leader today, says: "The choice given to youth is the chief secret of the amazing enterprise exhibited by the American iron and steel trade during the last dozen years. At the head of great affairs are young men. Youth gets there a position which is supposed here to belong to long experience. Men of 30 control concerns which here would seem to be the prerogative of men of 50. There it is believed that for business purposes demanding energy and fresh perceptions a man of 80 is as good as he is ever likely to be, and for many purposes a great deal better than he will be if he is successful twenty years after." The writer of a remarkable series of ar-

ticles on American engineering competition printed in the Times last spring, says in an article in a new series to-day: "In the whole course of my last trip in the United States. where I made the matter one of close observation, I can remember only one or two instances of elderly men taking a leading part in the management of works, and in one of these the business, though of great reputation, did not give great promise of

business with a stock of knowledge of which a young Englishman, fresh from a university or public school, has no inkling.

"In an analysis of the causes at work adverse to England, something should be said of the great intelligence and zeal put into He takes his pleasure in what he is doing and is not afraid to admit that he is in pork as to all that affects his business, and he is open to new ideas in a way which is unusual with us, 'What has succeeded in the past will not succeed in the future' is a working maxim with the best men of business, who are ready to throw their experience as well as their antiquated machinery on the scrap heap. There are some signs of a change in this respect in this country, but the idea that there is something respectable, solid and satisfactory in doing in the mill, workshop and countinghouse what one's fathers

did dies hard." The Spectator to-day goes to the root of British industrial degeneracy, which has been fully exploited in the columns of THE Sun, namely, the refusal of English workmen under trade union influences to render an honest equivalent for their wages. The Spectator concludes: "We believe if a deputation of British trades unionists of the best type were to visit America and conduct a thorough investigation of trade conditions there they would return convinced that their duty to their countrymen in future would be best discharged by encouraging the universal practice of the best and hardest work compatible with health during recognized

The foregoing self criticisms are typical of the new century reflections of such Englishmen as read the signs of the times aright

TO WED A VAUDEVILLE ACTRESS. H. W. White, Son of a Cleveland Millionaire, to Marry Miss Meta Miller.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29.-Meta Miller a nineteen-year-old vaudeville actress, will become the bride of Harry W. White, son of ex-Congressman W. J. White, millionaire chewing gum manufacturer and President of the American Bicycle Company. Miss Miller has been a guest at the White mansion, Lake avenue, this week. For several months she has been preparing for her wedding, having left the stage. Nature liberally enhaving left the stage. Nature liberally endowed her with beauty She and her elder sister Katherine applied to Olga Netnersole in 1898 for a place in her company. Miss Nethersole assisted them in getting a position in Klaw & Erlanger's "A Round of Pleasure." Later they were in "The Brownies" and "Who's Who," doing a vaudeville sketch. They played under the name of Hamilton.

Katherine is now studying music in New York under the care of her mother. Miss Lillian Mohrman, a singer of some repute, who formerly lived here, introduced White to Miss Miller three years ago. Miss Mohrman was employed in the office of Dr. H. S. Upson and sang in St. Paul's Episcopal cheir.

Cincinnati Negro Woman 122 Years Old. CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.-Mahalla Moore, aged 122 years, a poor negress, a pioneer member of Zion Baptist Church and undoubtedly the oldest woman in Cincinnati, was sent to the city infirmary to-day because she has become infirm and unable to attend to her own wants. She talks interestingly of historical events 100 years ago when she lived in Virginia. Her mind is clear and active and she has her second or third sight, whichever it may be. She says she had seventeen children, sixteen of whom are dead.

are within from two to fifteen minutes of the New York Central's Grand Central Station, New York, No wonder clubmen travel on the New York Central. —Ads.

HAD 844,000 WORTH OF PLUNDER. Two Burglars Captured in San Francisco Afte Making Extensive Hanis,

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- Two burgfars who have confessed to two robberies and are supposed to be the men who have committed numerous burgiaries in the Western Addition during the past month have been arrested. They are Eugene Chorigno and Charles Lowell. Both men said they came here recently from New York city. They were captured through the discovery of jewelry they had pawned. The men were identified by four pawnbrokers to whom they had sold their plunder. In all they

8,000 SHEEP STAMPEDED. Driven Over a Precipice by Masked Enemies

\$44,000

had pawned jewelry and silverware worth

of Their Owner. MILES CITY, Mon., Dec. 29 .- A telephone message from Otter, Custer county, says eleven masked men stampeded 3,000 sheep, killing the whole band. The sheep belong to R. R. Selway, the largest owner in eastern Montana, and were probably driven and crowded over a precipice. There were range troubles at Otter all the summer, and the grangers and sheep owners are hostile. Many here fear further deeds of violence. The Sheriff and a deputy have gony, to the scene of the outrage.

SOMETHING NEW PROM TESLA. Announcement of an Important Invention, Ex pected at a "Watch Meeting."

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 .- At the big "watch night" meeting of the National Red Cross Society at the Colleeum on next Monday night, the announcement is expected of great scientific discovery which is expected to open a new field. Nikola Tesla, the electrical inventor, has announced that his greeting to the meeting will include the outline and description of an invention on which he has been working for sixteen months. It touches. he says, on scientific points that have heretofore been deemed inaccessible.

MRS. DECKER IN HER COFFIN TWICE. The First Time She Was in a Trance and Narrowly Escaped Being Buried Alive.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 29 .- After making all known tests physicians have decided that Mrs. Benjamin Decker of West Bainbridge is dead. This precaution was made necessary by a sensational occurrence some time ago in which Mrs. Decker was aroused from a trance in her coffin. She was taken ill and it was supposed died. The remains were prepared for burial, but no embalming fluid was used. While the body was in the coffin awaiting the funeral services one of the family who was arranging the house broke a vase and a piece of the glass struck the supposed corpse in the forehead, causing the blood to flow. This aroused suspicion and physicans who were summoned restored Mrs. Decker to consciousness. When Mrs. Decker was again taken ill and died the former lifelike resemblance remained and the body was kept four days. Then the tests were made and it was decided that transition had certainly occurred this time and interment followed. Mrs. Benjamin Decker of West Bainbridge

NEGRO LYNCHED IN ALABAMA. Hanged by a Mob After Being Bound Over on a Charge of Arson.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 29 .- Cheorge Fuller, a negro barn burner, who lived near Oak gist's prescription led the police to notify the Jersey City police, who looked up the druggist, learned who his customer was and told Mrs. Vandervoort of her husband's death. Coroner's Physician Weston said that the man had evidently died of heart disease. He issued a certificate to Mr. Vandervoort's son, Clarence, who came to this city and identified the body at the Morgue. A fine hearse came to the Morgue from Jersey City and took Grove, in Perry county, was benched last himnary trial esternal he was bound over by the Grand Jury, the evidence being con-clusive of his guilt. As he was being taken from the court to the jail, a mob of citizens wrested him from the officers and with very little ceremony hanged him.

SALOON REEPERS AT CHURCH. One Hundred of Them Ask for Front Seats at

Dedication. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 29 .- "Trinity

Chattanooda, Tenn. Dec. 23.—"Trailty" is the name of the new Methodist church just erected here, of which the Rev. J. O. Stuley is pastor. He has arranged an interesting programme for the dedication exercises on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. George A. Stuart, Sam Jones's evanged stip partner, is to preach the dedicatory sermon.

To-day 100 saloon keepers of the city applied to Mr. Stuley for trent seats at the abultarium where the exercises are to be held. This action was taken to convince Mr. Stuart that whiskey men are not atraid of him. The saloon men at to-morrow's meeting will donate \$700 to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the church. ness on the church.

WOMEN RAID A DIVE. Break Into a Saloon and Turn the Liquor in It Into the Gutter.

LONGVIEW, Ill., Dec. 29.—A "blind pig" has flourished here for several months. The place has been raided several times, but the place has been raided several times, but the patronage was so good that the preprietors were willing to pay the fines assessed by the local Justice of the Peace.

The women of the city decided to be rid of the dive, and about twenty representative women met last night and went to the building. They found the place locked. The crusaders, however, broke in the door, selzed the bottles and bugs that filled the shelves, carried them into the street and there broke them, allowing the contents to run into the gutter.

PAMILY RICH, HE'S IN BELLEVUE. ried a Servant.

James Coyle was picked up last night at Grand and Ridge streets and taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering from rheumatism. He is 60 years old and for sixteen years has lived at a hotel at 1 Hester street. Report has it that Coyle comes of a wealthy family in Brooklyn who years ago cast him off because of his marriage to a servant. His father, it is said, was Patrick Coyle, a Brooklyn politician and contractor. His mother, it is said, died recently and left a large estate.

AUTOMOBILE KILLS A DOG.

E. Beekman Underhill, Jr., Thrown Out and Cut About the Head. E. Beekman Underhill, Jr., a broker, of 1042 I exington avenue, was going up Broadway last night in his automobile, when at Fifty-fourth street the machine ran over a large dog. The joit was sufficient to throw Mr. Underhill to the street and he received two severe scalp wounds. His injuries were dressed by an ambulance surgeon and he was removed to his home. The dox was killed, both wheels having passed over him.

J. P. MORGAN ROOSEVELT'S GUEST At Dinner at the Union League -Both New York Senators Present.

Gov. Roosevelt gave a dinner party last night at the Union League Club in honor of J Piersont Morgen. There were shout forty guests, including Senstor Pastt and Senstor Dependent Mr. A orgen at on Gov. Respective right and Bishop Henry C. Potter on his left. The

Hiram Hitchcock, senior member of the arm of Hitchcock, Darling & Co., preprietors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, was said last night to be very low with pneumonia Mr. Hitchcock was recently married. It was said at midnight that Mr. Hitchcock was in a dangerous condition.

Herbert Spencer Held That Science was organized knowledge—the proof of this is in every bottle of Evans' Ale,—Adv.

HALF A SHOW, NOCASH BACK

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

AUDIENCE IN THE THEATRE COMIQUE BECOMES RIGGOUS.

Manager of the Queen of the Orient Company Said He Couldn't Get Any Money Out of the Box Office and Advised the Audience to Try. They All Try, but in Vain.

The row which has been going on for a week between Tony Stanford, the stage manager of the burlesque show, the "Queen of the Orient," under the management of M. W. Wainstock, and the slieged proprietor of the Theatre Comique, Gus Weil, ended last night by Stanford telling the audience at the theatre in the middle of the evening that the show would not go any further and that they had better demand their money

back at the box effice.

According to Stanford he went to the bex office at 10 o'clock and demanded from Well, who was counting the money with Morris Forgotston, who is said to be the real proprietor, and asked Forgotston for his share of the receipts. He says he was entitled to so per cent. He was told that the night's receipts had not been counted up and that he would have to wait. He replied that that game had been worked on him before and that he wouldn't stand for it. He went on the stage, called off the foung woman who was doing a high-kicking act, and took the centre of the stage.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "this show ends right here. You've been filmflammed. We haven't got our money for the week and I wont be able to pay these actresses and actors. I advise you to go down stairs to the box office and demand

your money." The audience didn't wait for any further suggestions. There was a scramble to see who could get to the box office first and alses and hallways were jammed. When the people got down stairs the box office was closed. Neither Weil nor Forgov ton was in sight. The only man on view was the press agent, and, of course, he couldn't be held responsible. It was said thay Forgotston and Weil when they heard whay forgots on the theatre and flowed out into the street. There was considerable, loud talking. Some one suggested going tack inside to smash things. A few followed this advice, the majority simply standing in front of the box office howling for their money.

Some body balled up the West Thirtieth street police station on the telephone and said there was a riot going on. The swrgeant hustleff out the reserves in the patrol wagon and the police shooted the people out of the theatre into the street. The only damage done inside was the tearing up of a few seats.

Some of the crowd walked up to Twentyninth street and held an indignation meeting. A man in evening clothes and wearing a high hat said that he had bought six tickets.

"I'm a lawyer," the man shouted, "and I'm going to make somebody suffer for this."

It was said in the crowd that the ushese had not received any salary for a week, although they had to pay \$20 for uniferms and that the proprietor of the show owed \$500 to a decorator. The audience didn't wait for any further

CABMAN AS PROCURER. Annie Gray Arrested for Abducting Fifteen-Year-Old Lillie Walsh.

Annie Gray, 44 years old, of 204 West Fortysixth street was arrested last night by Gerry Society Agents Pisarra and Moore on a charge of abduction and locked up in the West Thirtyseventh street station. The arrest was made on a warrant issued by Magistrate Pool yesterday on the statement of Lilly Walsh, a fifteen-year-old girl, who disappeared or Dec. 18 from her home at 519 West Thirtysixth street, where she lived with her mother and stepfather. The girl said that a cabman whom she had met in the street had taken her At his prefine clothes, a servant to wait on her, and ar easy life. The girl was traced to the house and the arrest of the Gray woman for harboring her then followed. Magistrate Deuel

took bail for the woman late last night. The girl says she was held a prisoner at the house. The Gray woman says the girl pro-fessed to be 19 years old. The Gerry men say the cabman suspected has been suspected before of plying the same trade. He has not been found. The girl says that there was a woman in the cab who added her persuasion to the

AMOS CUMMINGS BREAKS HIS IIG.

Congressman Amos J. Cummings, who since Christmas has been on a wheeling trip through Connecticut, fell from his bicycle near New Haven yesterday morning and fractured his right leg at the ankle. Mr. Cummings has not been in the best of health recently and he took this outdoor trip to see if it would not improve his condition. He was just riding into New Haven when he to a stretch of asphalt. In making a his wheel slipped and he was thrown to pavenent. His right leg was doubled:

resulted.

Mr. Cummings was moved to a hotel and his leg was put in a cast. Then he took a train for New York. Before starting he telegraphed Dr. John H. Girdner to meet him with an ambulance at the Grand Central. Dr. Girdner was on hand with the ambulance and the injured man was carried to his home. 32 Charlton street. He was suffering a great deal last night. Dr. Girdner said that he would probably be laid up for six weeks.

FROM CHICAGO TO LIVERPOOL Launch of the First of Four Steamships That Are to Ply Between These Ports.

CRICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Northwestern, the finest of four ocean-going vessels to be constructed for the Northwestern Steamship Company, was launched this afternoon at the yards of the Chicago Shipbuilding Company at South Chicago. The Northwestern, with three like it, will ply between Chicago, Liverpool and Hanburg, carrying American products from Chicago to Europe and returning
with cargoes of European merchandise.
The vessel just launched has a length of
256 feet, beam of 42 feet and 10½ feet depth.
The freight capacity is 3,220 and the agreed
speed 15 knots. Each of the other boats will
be of the same size.

DEATH IN CHRISTMAS TREE BLAZE. Little Boy Loses His Life Trying to Light the Candles.

A Christmas tree caused the death of fiveyear-old Percival Dolan yesterday afternoon The child lived with his parents at 235 West 143d street and the Christmas tree was in the parior of their apartments, still loaded with candles and tinsel. While Mrs. Dolan was out yesterda; afternoon the boy tried to light one of the candles and set the tree ablaze. Some of the blazing tinsel fell on him, setting his clothes after and when his mother and a neighbor got to him he was rolling on the floor in agony. He died of his injuries two hours later in the J. Hood Wright Hospital.

Vice-President Roosevelt's Secretary.

Loeb, who acted as stenographer and secretary to Gov. Roosevelt during the Presidential campaign, is to accompany the Gov-ernor to Washington as his secretary when he is inaugurated as Vice-President. The announcement of the selection of Mr. Loeb as secretary was made by the Governor to-day. The Governor left his home in this village this afternoon for Albany.

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